

Turbo Tech

- What is Turbo Tech?
 - A web-based tool for automating the process of performing Technical Evaluations of proposals submitted by NASA contractors
- What does it do?
 - Turbo Tech guides users through the process of analyzing the reasonableness of resources proposed by Contractors (labor hours, quantity of material, travel, etc.)
 - Turbo Tech facilitates the technical evaluation of proposals while improving the quality of the evaluation
- Why is that important?
 - A large percentage of NASA's budget is spent via contracts or other acquisition vehicles
 - The Government must analyze the reasonableness of Contractor-submitted proposals in order to assure that NASA's budget is wisely spent
 - The Technical Evaluation is a critical element of that analysis, and is used to help develop the Government's negotiation position

Turbo Tech - Why Is It Needed?

- Most technical evaluations are done manually using a wide variety of standard desk top software
- Formats vary widely there is no uniform or standard process
- Many technical evaluations are not good quality
 - NASA HQ survey teams and the OIG have identified this as a recurring problem in recent Procurement Management surveys done at Goddard
- The process requires manual input of large amounts of proposal data, leading to mathematical errors
- Many technical evaluations are not done in a timely manner
- COTRS have no ready source of training for doing technical evaluations

Turbo Tech - Features

- "Question & Answer" style minimizes the need for training and provides a structured process and standard format
- Turbo Tech generates much of the "boiler plate" text, allowing the user to concentrate on the analysis itself
- Numerous Help features, a glossary, and a comprehensive "Frequently Asked Questions" section make it easy to use
- Contractors can provide an electronic file which may be uploaded, minimizing data entry and reducing mistakes
- The output product is a completed written document (Microsoft "Word" format)
- Turbo Tech is easily available on the web, and data is adequately protected. No sensitive cost data is contained in Turbo Tech
- Past evaluations can be stored and readily accessed

Turbo Tech - Background

- The need for Turbo Tech was determined by the GSFC's Flight Programs and Projects Directorate early in CY 2002
 - Leadership role provided by Dorothy Tiffany, Program Business Manager, Structures & Evolution of the Universe Program
- A Multi-Discipline Team was assembled in April 2002 to develop Turbo Tech
 - The 20-person team included substantial experience and expertise in all necessary areas
 - GSFC civil servants included experienced Contracting Officers, Contracting Officer Technical Representatives (COTR's), and Resource Analysts
 - Contractors provided the necessary expertise in software and web-based tool development



Turbo Tech - Schedule

- March 2005 Operational Rollout at GSFC
- May 2005 System update based on user feedback
- June 2005 Availability to other NASA centers, other Government users, or NASA contractors





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